

EcoRA Work Group Conference Call - August 3, 2000, 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Participants:

Merril Coomes, City of Coeur d'Alene	Brad Frazier, USFWS
Phil Cernera, CdA Tribe	Joe Goulet, EPA
Callie Ridolfi, Ridolfi	Anne Dailey, EPA
Dan Audet, USFWS	Dick Martindale, EPA
Bill Beckley, Ridolfi	Harry Ohlendorf, CH2M Hill
Don Heinle, CH2M Hill	

Regulatory/Trustee Review of prelim. draft EcoRA:

- Preliminary Draft EcoRA review by regulatory/trustee stakeholders, EPA, and URS/CH2M Hill occurred 7/24-28; this was a big picture/fatal flaw review
- A big thanks to all the regulatory/trustee parties who reviewed the preliminary draft EcoRA within the timeframe allowed!!
- In response to comments, major changes to the document are being implemented and include reorganizing the document to use the assessment endpoints as the common thread for the EcoRA, providing more of a road map for the EcoRA, and a number of other substantive revisions

Soil Amendment Treatability Study:

- Dailey reported that she spoke with Harry Compton and Mark Sprenger, both of EPA's Edison NJ ERT group, regarding getting the Inplace Inactivation and Natural Ecological Restoration Technologies (IINERT) group to provide a 3rd party review of the USFWS waterfowl soil amendment feeding proposal. IINERT is an industry (Cominco, DuPont, etc.), academic, and government group that reviews treatment/restoration technology proposals, among other things. The IINERT group members have participated in studies on amendments at other EPA Superfund mining sites.
- Mark Sprenger, ERT, will be in Seattle for another meeting and can meet with folks about the soil amendments in general, waterfowl feeding proposal, the IINERT review of the proposal, and next steps. Tentative date for the meeting is Monday, 9/18 at 1PM in EPA R10's Multnomah Room (15th floor). More about this later.
- Dan Audet noted that parties will be meeting to discuss the soil amendment study and the other projects proposed by the Coeur d'Alene Basin Commission prior the Commission meeting on August 9th.

Update of EcoRA schedule:

- The EcoRA review schedule continues to be as follows:

8/31/00	draft EcoRA mailed to EcoRA work group for review
	document will be distributed on CD-Rom with hard copies provided to specific individuals per their requests; both CD-Rom and hard

copy versions will be placed in the repositories

9/27-28/00 EcoRA work group workshop in CDA regarding draft EcoRA document (to be held at USFS facility in CDA on Kathleen Road)

10/6/00 Written comments on EcoRA due to EPA

Trout study:

- As previously mentioned, EPA was hoping to contribute sediment from the CdA basin to the EPA Duluth study of the effects of dietary uptake of metals by rainbow trout
- Dave Mount from the EPA Duluth Lab has determined that the lab can not accept sediment from the CDA River due to the presence of whirling disease in the CdA basin; Clark Fork sediment will not be used in the study for the same reasons
- Dave Mount will share the results of the study which will be done with sediment from sites unimpacted by whirling disease

ArcExplorer:

- Final touches are being put on the ArcExplorer CD-Rom
- EPA anticipates mailing the ArcExplorer application by mid-August
- ArcExplorer is a map viewer software distributed free of charge by Environmental Systems Research Institute and it will provide a graphical representation of surface water, groundwater, and soil/surface sediment cadmium, lead and zinc concentrations in the RI/FS project area

Next Teleconference:

- The EcoRA call scheduled for August 17th is CANCELLED due to limited availability of participants
- Next EcoRA call will be on September 7, 2000 at 9 AM PST
- Call-in number is 206-553-4557; no pass code required
- topics of discussion will include:
 - status of the EcoRA
 - preparation for EcoRA Work Group workshop to be held 9/27-28/00 in CdA
 - other topics as appropriate